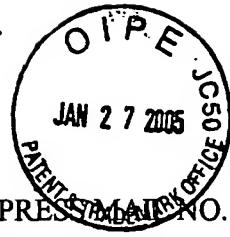


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This is in response to the Final Office Action dated December 1, 2004, and is submitted within two months of the mailing date of the Final Office Action. The Examiner is requested to re-consider the application.

Applicants believe that there is no fee due associated with this matter, however, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038 referencing Attorney Docket No. 03678.0023.CNUS04.